[12th October 1928

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A copy [a] of the Chief Engineer's report, dated 3rd October 1928, is laid on the table.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" Sir, with reference to the statement in the Appendix that the ryots could easily have closed the hole and the breach which at first was small, may I ask the hon. the Revenue Member to satisfy himself whether the accusation against the ryots is true ? I do not think it is true."

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" It is only the opinion of the Executive Engineer. I should not call it an accusation."

Plans and estimates for the Thukapalli project.

* 541 *Q.*—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in view of the answer given to question No. 10 on 3rd September 1928 regarding the Thukapalli project—

(*a*) whether the revised plans and estimates have been received ;

(*b*) whether the report of the Chief Engineer referred to in paragraph 2 of the above answer has been received, and if so, what it is ; and

(*c*) if the answer to clause (*a*) or (*b*) be in the affirmative, what action the Government propose to take on the report or reports ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The answers to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) are in the negative.

Districts included in the five circles mentioned in Government Order regarding Tank Restoration Scheme divisions.

* 542 *Q.*—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in reference to the annexure to G.O. No. 1814 I., dated 25th July 1928, the districts that are included in the five circles mentioned therein ?

A.—The staff sanctioned in the annexure to G.O. No. 1814 I., dated 25th July 1928, is to work in all the districts of the Presidency except Salem, Coimbatore, North Arcot, Malabar, South Kanara, the Nilgiris, Guntur and Tanjore. The staff will, in the first instance, carry out work in the localities indicated in the annexure to the Government Order and then proceed to other areas where estimates are ready for execution.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know, Sir, whether the office located at Chittoor will deal with all matters relating to the Kurnool district ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I think the area is given in the annexure to the Government Order. I am sorry I have not got it now."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" It is not in the annexure ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I must ask for notice."

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a Printed as Appendix II on pages 540–541 infra.